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REQUESTS TO A LOGICAL DEVICE FROM MULTIPLE  
HOSTS WITH EXPLICIT ALLEGIANCES

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

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In the Title

Please delete the title and substitute therefore --

Method for Enabling Overlapped Input/Output Requests to a

Logical Device From Multiple Hosts with Explicit Allegiances --